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AT A GLANCE

Hail and Farewell

The next McClellan Officers' Hail and Farewell will be 3 p.m. tomorrow at the Officers' Club. This is a mandatory formation for all officers assigned to McClellan. Commanders or directors requiring podium time should contact Lt. Lorena Bailey at 643-0077.

WAC Outdoor Movie

The Wing Airmen's Council will show *Mr. Nice Guy*, starring Jackie Chan, Friday night on the handball wall screen near the dormitories. The movie will start at about 8:45 p.m. For more information, call Airman Airman Ameerah Beyah at 643-5666. Admission is free.

McClellan Day Fair Summer Bash

The annual Summer Bash will be Sept. 12 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Freedom Park. The event is for all McClellan military and civilian personnel and their families. Hot dogs and hamburgers are \$.25 and beverages, chips, snowcones and cotton candy are free. There will be athletic competitions, hay rides, a band, a petting zoo, kids' games and much more. Don't miss it!

DRMO Sale

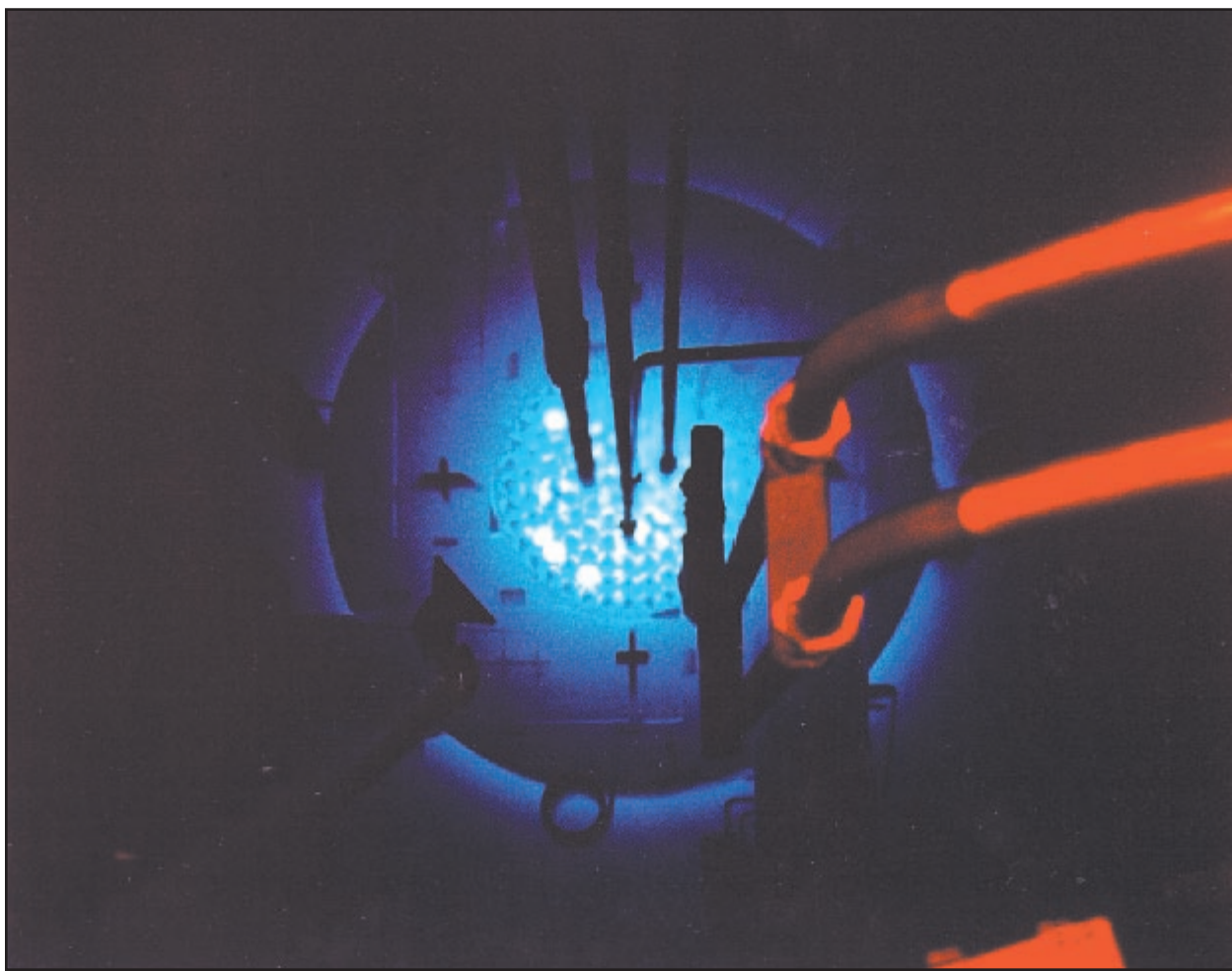
The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office is conducting a Local Sealed Bid Sale. There are over 300 items for sale. Property is combined in like commodity groups and sold in various size lots. Viewing is permitted Sept. 10-11 and 14 from 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the DRMO facility, Bldg 700E.

Bids will be accepted until 7:30 a.m., Sept. 15. You may download a catalog from the DRMS website: <http://www.drms.dla.mil/catalog/official/42-8212.htm>. For further information contact the local DRMO office at 643-3830.

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Reactor receives new license



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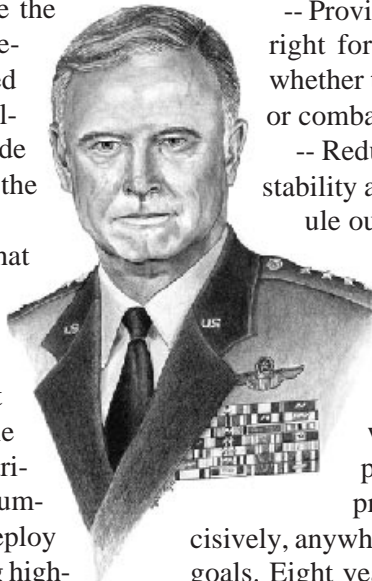
You are looking straight down into the water at the McClellan Nuclear Radiation Center reactor tank. This blue glow is called the Cerenkov Effect, which is caused by neutrons traveling close to the speed of light interacting with the water moderator in the tank. They lose energy and begin to curve, radiating this beautiful blue light. McClellan's Nuclear Radiation Center contains the only industrial reactor in the Department of Defense. Today at 2 p.m. Dr. Seymour Weiss and Dr. Warren Eresian, members of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, will present an NRC license for the reactor to SM-ALC Commander, Brig. Gen. Michael P. Wiedemer. For the past eight years the reactor has operated on an Air Force license. The NRC license will be transferred to the new owner when the Air Force leaves the base.

From the Chief of Staff ... History behind the EAF concept

Gen. Michael E. Ryan
Air Force chief of staff

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- In the two weeks since Acting Secretary of the Air Force F. Whitten Peters and I announced our intent to move the Air Force into the 21st century as an Expeditionary Aerospace Force, we've received a great deal of feedback on our plans. Almost universally, airmen and folks outside the Air Force reacted enthusiastically to the news.

Nonetheless, a critic has contended that our vision of an expeditionary aerospace force was a quick fix in our efforts to solve the problem of high operations tempo. In fact, the EAF concept was eight years in the making. Since the end of the Gulf War, we've been wrestling with various ways to respond to the increasing number of contingencies that require us to deploy forces around the world while maintaining high-quality service at the bases from which these forces have deployed. This challenge has taken a high toll on our people, both on those we send to remote locations as well as those whose workload at home station is expanded to make up for the absence of their teammates.



Six months ago, we commissioned a small group of planners to use the lessons of the past eight years to devise a new framework to meet the demands of today's challenges. The underlying requirements were straightforward. We wanted to:

-- Provide U.S. military commanders in chief the right force at the right place at the right time, whether the mission involved humanitarian relief or combat operations.

-- Reduce deployment tempo by building more stability and predictability into the way we schedule our people to respond to contingencies.

-- Take full advantage of the vital contributions of the total force -- active duty, civilians, Reservists, and Air National Guardsmen.

The product our planners came up with -- the EAF concept and the Air Expeditionary Forces that will allow us to provide aerospace power rapidly and decisively, anywhere and anytime -- achieves each of these goals. Eight years of experience and six months of intensive study -- this was anything but a quick fix.

Now we are making every effort to ensure our people fully understand the concept and how it affects them. As we announced two weeks ago, many specifics of our plan still need to be worked out. Building AEFs from units

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ACTION LINE

643-3344
Action Line
77 ABW/CC
5241 Arnold Ave.
McClellan AFB, CA 95652-1086
email: Actionline

Since I've been your wing commander, I've had much opportunity to hear from you on how we can make things better. This **Action Line** has been a key avenue and remains a good means to obtain feedback on how we're doing and how we can improve.

If you have or see a problem, try to work it through the responsible agency or activity first, since that will provide the most rapid resolution or action. If you still can't get the problem resolved, then try to work it through your chain of command. If the problem still exists after you've taken these two steps, then let me know so we can try to help.

In your request, please be brief, but include enough information to address the entire issue. Also, please let me know the specific action you want taken. I need your name, duty phone, and address so that we may send you a written response. I treat each call very seriously



Col. W.P. "Bear" Ard
77th Air Base Wing commander

and read each response. If I feel the issue is of interest to the entire McClellan community, we may also print it and the response in the **Spacemaker**.

Our overall goal is to better serve you. In this same vein, we also like to highlight those areas that provide high quality or exceptional support, so we can build upon and expand them. To do these things, I need your involvement.

I also welcome your input in other ways. On a quarterly basis, I hold Town Hall meetings with community members, and I regularly meet with various groups on base (the Chiefs, First Sergeants, etc.). Please plug into one of these avenues to get your voice heard. You have a say in how we serve you!

AAFES.....	920-0537
Civilian Pay.....	643-6725
Civil Engineering.....	643-5624
Civilian Personnel	643-2860
Commissary	643-4954
Crime Stop Hotline.....	643-6161
Dining Hall	643-5092
Family Support Center.....	643-1106
Focus Center #1	643-5661
Fraud, Waste & Abuse	643-6000
Housing	643-6221
Legal	643-3150
Lodging	643-6223

Medical	Appointment Desk -- 643-8400
.....	After Hours -- 643-7212
.....	TRICARE Service Center -- (800) 242-6788
Military Pay.....	643-6965
Military Personnel	643-1094
Public Affairs	643-6127
Retiree Activities	643-2207
Security Forces	643-6160
Services/MWR	643-6660
Social Actions	643-3322
Supply	643-5213
Uniform Questions	643-4051

Thank You

Q *On behalf of my husband, Al, and myself, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the employees of McClellan AFB who so generously donated leave on my behalf and provided emotional support for us during Al's bone marrow transplant for leukemia. We couldn't have made it through these tough times without the help we received from my ex-coworkers. We are truly grateful for the kindness and unselfish support we were provided during this difficult time. Please pass along our sincere thanks to a wonderful group of caring individuals. They certainly touched our hearts!*

Carolyn and Al Fassler

A First of all, please know how glad we are to hear things are starting to look up for you and your family. As for the generosity of McClellan's workforce, yours is just one more

example of how our employees, many facing an uncertain future and experiencing difficulties of their own, can still find the means to help out those who are in crisis. I am certain the people who donated leave to you during your time of need did so with the full knowledge that should the situation be reversed, you would be there for them. On behalf of all who gave you support and who donated leave, just let me say: "You're welcome!"

Job Search Assistance

Q *I'm a WG-02 custodial worker. What is being done to help people in this job series find other civil service positions?*

A McClellan has established the following programs and services to assist employees seeking continued employment:

- Four FOCUS Centers provide employment information for private employers, state and federal agencies.

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- State Employment Development Department representatives are in each FOCUS Center.

- McClellan Training Division provides classes on completing application, resume and interview techniques.

- FOCUS Centers have computer programs to prepare application and resume.

- Various job fairs.

- Priority Placement Program (PPP) registration and transitional retraining for employees receiving a MOCK RIF letter.

The following additional services were developed in June 1995 for McClellan's severely disabled employees:

- Orientation for employees, parents or guardian to provide information on available resources, services and programs.

Classes/training have been arranged in retirement, Occupation Exploration I & II, PPP registration, introduction to computers, resume writing, SF-171, self-esteem and Independent living, with additional classes to be scheduled.

EAF

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across the total force is a huge challenge, and we don't know all the answers yet. While we have a pretty good idea how we want to do this, we're aiming at a final decision by December.

We've been very open with the level of detail we're confident of at this point, and it has been well documented:

- The overall EAF will consist of about 10 AEFs. These units will be on call or deployed up to 90 days at a time roughly every 15 months. Two AEFs will be on call at all times. Studies of Air Force deployments over the past five years indicate these forces should be sufficient

to respond to any international crises that occur while they are on call.

- We plan to create about 5,000 positions to support deployed forces and home bases by switching authorizations from specialties less likely to deploy. The new positions will be spread across Air Force installations, using small manpower boosts to ease the tempo for highly stressed support forces.

- We'll have the concept up and running by Jan. 1, 2000.

The timing of our announcement may not be inherently obvious. We intentionally decided to put out the word before every detail was final. Traditionally, the Air Force has waited until initiatives such as this had been approved at all levels prior to announcing the plans. In my opin-

ion, this delay often created the perception among our people that Air Force leaders were either unaware of the troops' concerns or, even worse, were aware but were doing nothing to improve the situation.

While this perception was incorrect, I'm committed to ensuring it never occurs while I'm chief. Under my watch, I have and will continue to share with our people -- through their chain of command -- what we intend to do to address their concerns and will provide progress reports as we move forward. The final outcome of a particular initiative may evolve a bit from its initial direction, but that's not reason enough to withhold information from our folks as we head toward a solution.

My own sense is that Air Force

people at all levels consider this a positive step forward. Feedback from around the Air Force is that our airmen are genuinely excited and optimistic about the EAF.

We have the world's greatest Air Force, and superb people who do all we ask them to do. The EAF concept will allow us to continue to provide exceptional aerospace forces to accomplish our global mission and to better care for our folks as we do so.

I'm convinced this is the right approach for today's complex security environment, and I firmly believe our Air Force, members of the other services, and our nation will see the benefits of the EAF as we continue to develop and launch it over the next 16 months.

Show the world, McClellan

1998 Combined Federal Campaign kicks off Sept. 1 at Butler Hangar

Kathy Bridges
Commodities Directorate Loaned Executive

The 1998 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) will kick-off with a bang at the base kick-off ceremony and fair, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Sept. 1, in the Butler Hangar (Bldg. 360). All base employees, spouses, and retirees are cordially invited to the ceremony.

This year's main theme is "Show the world. Our hearts will always be open!" with a sub-theme of "The beat goes on!" We have set a goal of \$625,000 for the base. Additional information can be obtained throughout the campaign by reading the official base bulletin and the *Spacemaker* or by linking to the McClellan CFC home page from the McClellan home page.

The McClellan CFC Headquarters Team is feverishly putting together one of the most exciting kick-off celebrations in years. The doors will open at 11 a.m. with a short, but exciting kick-off ceremony starting at 11:15. It will end around noon.

This event promises to have something for everyone! There will be a CFC Agency Fair, which will provide a cross-section of the many local charitable agencies, an outstanding classic car and motorcycle display, great food and fund-raising concessions, and super entertainment. A

given.

Stop by the food concessions and have a delicious lunch, or enjoy some other "snack foods."

Everyone who attends will be given a free chance to win a door prize. So far, over \$1,200 in prizes has been contributed.

Shuttle buses will run continuously (see the bus schedule) around



the base and return to pick up points. There is no general parking at Butler Hanger so remote-parking using the shuttle bus pick up points is recommended.

Other scheduled events within the campaign include a CFC 4-Person Scramble Golf Tournament at Lawrence Links Golf Course Sept. 11 (12:30 p.m. shotgun start), and a CFC 9-Pin No-Tap Bowling Tournament at Camellia Lanes, Sept. 16, 1-4 p.m.

McClellan has a long history of generosity. Let's make sure this year is no different. McClellan employees can make a difference within the community and in the lives of those in need. For more details about the upcoming events or any other CFC information please call the McClellan CFC Headquarters, located in building 250HH, at 643-2437 or 643-2438. The fax number is 643-5118.

CFC KICKOFF SHUTTLE BUS SCHEDULE

Bus Route One (Begins at 10:45 a.m.)	Bus Route Two (Begins at 10:40 a.m.)
Pick Up Points:	Pick Up Points:
Between Bldg. 241 & 242	Bldg. 1080
Bldg. 243D	Bldg. 1069
Bldg. 200 Main Entrance	Bldg. 783A
Butler Hanger, Bldg. 360	Bldg. 655
Return	Bldg. 640
	Bldg. 475
	Butler Hanger, Bldg. 360
	Return

Bus routes will be a continuous loop and final run will be at 2:30 p.m.

Renter's insurance: It could save you the farm

Col. Robert G. Gibson
Judge Advocate

Everybody knows what insurance is. That's where you pay somebody mini-bucks now, so you don't have to pay mega-bucks later if something happens. From a consumer point of view, insurance is usually a good investment, not only because it protects our assets but also for the peace of mind it gives us knowing we won't lose "the farm" tomorrow.

Now, I'm not talking about life insurance here, as you can tell; I'm talking about insurance to protect our property and ourselves. Motor vehicle liability insurance is something we're all familiar with because we're required to have it by law. But collision and comprehensive insurance for our vehicles, and homeowners or renter's property and liability insurance are not so well understood.

With that in mind, let me give you

a little information on these types of insurance along with some very important reasons why you need to consider them. Please understand: this is not a complete or perfect explanation but

merely some thoughts to get you moving in the right direction.

Collision and comprehensive insurance for our vehicles is what might be called "no fault" property damage.

It doesn't matter who's at fault; if your vehicle is damaged the insurance company will pay you under the provisions of the policy ... collision coverage reimburses for vehicle-to-vehicle contact while comprehensive covers fire, theft, etc.

Homeowners or renter's insurance normally covers loss or dam-

age to your personal property in the household and should also provide some degree of liability coverage for negligent acts on your part.

Historically, people who live in base housing have not purchased renter's insurance because they believed the Air Force would reimburse them if their property was stolen or damaged. While the Air Force claims program normally does reimburse individuals for such losses, assuming appropriate security precautions have been taken, the program is an act of grace and may not last forever in these lean fiscal times ... a factor to consider. More important, however, is the liability insurance aspect of renter's insurance.

If a military member's government quarters are damaged by fire and a report of survey finds their dependents were negligent, the member can be charged up to one month's pay for the damages. Most renter's insurance policies would pay for that. Now I don't know about you, but I can't afford to give away a month's pay.

The last, and most important aspect of why you may want to consider renter's insurance if you live in government quarters is the liability coverage extended. If somebody is injured on your government prop-

erty and the injury is because of some physical defect for which the government is responsible, like a broken sidewalk, the Air Force will normally undertake to defend the lawsuit.

If the injury is caused by something over which you have control, such as your child's skateboard left on the sidewalk, and a passerby falls over it, you will be responsible for both defending the lawsuit and paying the judgment. For a lot of us that could empty our bank accounts.

Having coverage under a renter's policy would likely save you from that aggravation.

I'm not trying to frighten anybody, and I'm not selling insurance, but you need to know these facts.

During the past year, the Air Force has noted a significant rise in these personal lawsuits, and many people have expressed dismay that the Air Force will not defend the action. So please take heed and consider your own situation. And don't forget ... you live in California, the litigation capital of the country.

Questions about insurance? We do legal assistance Monday through Wednesday and Fridays for active duty, dependents, retirees and their families. Call 643-3150 for an appointment. We'd like to help.



Col. Robert G. Gibson, Jr.

Contracting career opportunity available

Courtesy of the Civilian Personnel Office

The Contracting and Manufacturing Civilian Career Program is accepting applications for a career broadening position as a Procurement Analyst, GS-1102-13, in the office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Secretary of the Air Force Acquisition Contracting.

This position will be established for a period not to exceed three years. The selectee will be primarily engaged in:

- A) Initiating, developing, recommending, and promulgating Air Force contracting policies and procedures.
- B) Evaluating and recommending disposition of requests for waiver of Federal Acquisition Regulation requirements and statutory requirements.
- C) Developing Air Force positions in connection with proposed legislation;
- D) Proposing changes to FAR and Department of Defense contracting regulations.
- E) Conducting review of MAJCOM contracting activities to determine compliance

with Air Force contracting policies and regulations.

- F) Developing special contract formats to satisfy specific problem areas;
- G) Developing position papers for DoD or HQ USAF covering various technical and complex issues in the contracting and acquisition field.
- H) Reviewing specific DoD and USAF Inspector General reports, Air Force Audit and GAO reports to provide answers when necessary and determine need for new or revised policy.
- I) Representing the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Contracting in meetings with top management of DoD, HQ USAF, other services, and field organizations in areas of expertise.

This announcement closes Sept. 4. Anyone interested in reviewing the announcement and/or obtaining application instructions may do so in Bldg. 10 at the Receptionist Desk or in Bldg. 200 in the Contracting Manpower office. For more information contact Tamiko Greely, 643-2860.

Personnel Briefs

FOCUS Centers right-size

Even the FOCUS Centers are susceptible to the rigors of base closure. Tomorrow is the final day that FOCUS Center 4 in Building 600 will be open to assist you in molding your career. Three FOCUS Centers will continue to be fully staffed, equipped and eager to help you with all your job search and self-marketing needs.

Here's where you can find them:
FOCUS Center 1, Bldg. 9, 643-5661.
FOCUS Center 2, Bldg. 362C, 643-0086.
FOCUS Center 3, Bldg. 241A, 643-6808.

SETA Office moves

The SETA office in Bldg. 280 is moving. The new SETA Office will be opening Sept. 1 in Bldg. 1017 on Price Ave. next to the Coast Guard hangar. SETA is closed all this week, Aug. 24 - 31 while the move is taking place. If you need assistance or have any questions, please call 263-4645.

FOCUS Center Jobs

This section contains job announcements from the McClellan FOCUS Centers. For additional information, contact one of the FOCUS Centers: #1, 643-5661; #2, 643-0086, #3, 643-6808.

- Position:** Construction Inspector, GS-809-07
Annc#: AF98-037
Close: Aug. 31
Agency: Air Force
Location: Beale AFB
POC: Customer Service (805) 277-3840
Remarks: Review vacancy announcement and call agency for required forms or information on KSA's.
- Position:** Electronics Technician, GS-856-11
Annc#: USGS-98-081
Close: Sept. 11
Agency: Geological Survey
Location: Menlo Park
POC: Phone: (206) 553-0888
Remarks: Request copy of vacancy announcement through USA JOBS.
- Position:** Fabric Worker, WG-3105-07
Annc#: JOA28-98
Close: Sept. 17
Agency: Army (Sierra Army Depot)
Location: Herlong
POC: Lori King: (530) 827-4333
Remarks: Review vacancy announcement and call agency for required forms or information on KSA's.
- Position:** Engineer (Agricultural Irrigation), GS-890-05/09
Annc#: NRCS-CA-DEU-100
Close: Sept. 04
Agency: Dept. of Agriculture
Location: Davis
- Position:** Contract Specialist, GS-1102-12
Annc#: MO98-361
Close: Aug. 28
Agency: Army Corps of Engineers
Location: McClellan AFB
POC: Marilyn Ohi (916) 557-5380
Remarks: Review vacancy announcement and call agency for required forms or information on KSA's.
- Position:** Budget Analyst, GS-560-09
Annc#: FS-8-0861-MWG
Close: Sept. 01
Agency: Army Corps of Engineers
Location: Sacramento
POC: Phone (415) 744-5627
Remarks: Review vacancy announcement and call agency for required forms or information on KSA's.
- Position:** Training Instructor, GS-

POC: Kathy Wold (530) 757-8290
Remarks: Review vacancy announcement and call agency for required forms or information on KSA's.

Position: Housing Maintenance Specialist, GS-301-07
Annc#: 98-608-1MS
Close: Aug. 31
Agency: Coast Guard
Location: Alameda
POC: (800) 525-2878
Remarks: Review vacancy announcement and call agency for required forms or information on KSA's.

Position: Employee Relations Specialist, GS-230-11/12
Annc#: SSA-98-263
Close: Sept. 2

Agency: Social Security Administration
Location: Richmond
POC: (510) 970-8484
Remarks: Review vacancy announcement and call agency for required forms or information on KSA's.

Position: Training Technician (Child Development Center) GS-1702-05
Annc#: DS-PC-8-0073
Close: Aug. 28
Agency: Air Force
Location: Beale Air Force Base
POC: External Recruitment (210) 671-4118
Remarks: Review vacancy announcement and call agency for required forms or information on KSA's.

SETA means success for base employee

Gary Hofer
Successful job hunter

SETA meant success for me!! Although I would have rather had someone just come up and offer me a job with no hassle, I couldn't have done it without SETA's assistance.

A year ago I was an Industrial Engineering Technician, working at McClellan Air Force Base, wondering where I'd be and what I'd be doing in a year from now.

In the past years at the base, I developed a knack for working with computers. But even with the experience I gained working with PC's, it wasn't enough for

a second look from most employers. With SETA's assistance and a lot of hard work, I was able to obtain my Novell Administrator and Novell Engineer Certifications. Armed with my certificates, PC experience and a lot of luck, I was one of twelve people to be interviewed out of 160 applicants by the U.S. District Court. Out of the twelve people interviewed, I was one of the four people selected. I am currently working in downtown Sacramento as an Automation Support Specialist. Thank you SETA for your assistance!!!
Gary Hofer



Volunteer Ops



Labor Day Telethon

The Central Valley Chapter and Spirit of Sacramento Auxiliary Chapter of the Noncommissioned Officers Association will be supporting the 1998 Muscular Dystrophy Association Labor Day Telethon for the seventh consecutive year Sept. 7. Volunteers will be needed to answer telephones, provide security, conduct registration and move audio equipment. Anyone interested in volunteering should call Chief Master Sgt. Jim Sullivan at 643-1140.

Volunteers are also needed Sept. 6 to set up the stage. Anyone interested in supporting this effort may call Master Sgt. Gary Chase at 643-6259.

Steak Night volunteers needed

The President's Council needs your help. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the Steak Night at the NCO Club, Sept. 11 at 8 p.m., please call Tech. Sgt. Curtis Jennings at 643-3861 or retired Chief Master Sgt. George Moses at 643-4011.

Volunteers are needed for cooking, clean-up, serving and general set-up and tear-down.

The Steak Night proceeds will be used to lower the cost for airmen, E-4 and below, at the upcoming Enlisted Dining Out.



Food, Folks and Fun



AFSA Steak Dinner

Air Force Sergeants Association, Chapter 1322/A1322 will host a steak dinner Aug. 28 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 3300 U St. in North Highlands. The menu includes steak, potato, beans, salad, and rolls.

OWC Dessert Night

The Officers' Wives Club would like to welcome new arrivals and all prospective members to a Dessert Night and Activities Fair at the home of Mrs. Pam Wiedemer, Sept. 8 at 7 p.m.

Entertainment for the event will be provided by the Sacramento Banjo Band. There is no cost for this function, and no RSVP is required. If you have any questions, please call OWC President, Kathy Goddard at 344-0802.

Steak Night at the NCO Club

The Presidents Council will sponsor a Steak Night at the NCO Club, Sept. 11, 5 - 8 p.m. The menu consists of a 10-ounce marinated New York Steak, baked potato, barbecue beans, tossed salad, rolls, butter, coffee or tea. The cost is only \$8 and and take-out service will be available. For children who do not eat steak, a hamburger and chips may be substituted for \$3. Military, civilians and friends may purchase a meal. The surcharge does not apply.

The purpose of this fund-raiser is to reduce ticket price for E4s and below to attend the annual all Enlisted Dining Out later this year. For more information and tickets, call Tech. Sgt. Curtis Jennings at 643-3861; Chief Master Sgt. Roger Hagenbuch at 643-2043; or retired Chief Master Sgt. George Moses at 643-4011.



F.Y.I.



Self-help Center

The Self-help Center will be closed for inventory during the week of Aug. 31 to Sept. 7. All tools and equipment signed out on hand-receipts must be returned NLT Aug 27. We will re-open for business on Sept. 8. If you have any questions, please contact Staff Sgt. Lewis at 643-4008.

Commissary Sale

There will be a Commissary Parking Lot Sale Sept. 3-4, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. There will be super deals on pet food, paper products and many other items.



Sports and Fitness



77th Support Group Sports Day

77th Support Group Sports Day will be held Sept. 4 at the base gym. The sporting events will include softball, volleyball, basketball and tug-o-war. The booster clubs from each squadron will be selling hamburgers, hot dogs, etc. at very reasonable prices. Contact your sports representative if you are interested in participating in any of the events. Teams must be in by Sept. 1. For more information contact Master Sgt. James Brown at 643-3039.



Retiree News



55 Alive Driving Course

The Retiree Activities Office is conducting a 55 Alive defensive driving course Sept. 17 - 18 at the Chapel Annex. The course starts promptly at 9 a.m. each day and runs until 1 p.m. We still have some openings, so please call our office at 643-2207 to register. The cost is \$8.00. Questions can be directed to Chief Petty Officer Jim Forkum at the above number.

Retiree Appreciation Day

The 1998 Retiree Appreciation Day is set for Sept. 26, at the Base Theater and Rafferty Hall. The opening remarks and guest speakers will take place at the Base Theater from 9 - 11:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served. At noon, all activities will shift to Rafferty Hall for the remainder of the day. This will include information booths, various medical screenings, lunch and drawings for door prizes.

Details for the day's events are still being finalized by the McClellan Base Top Three Council in coordination with the Retiree Affairs Office. Additional information about this special day will be published periodically in the *Spacemaker*. Anyone wishing to assist the Top Three with the planning of this event is asked to call Master Sgt. Roberto Plizga at 643-1159.

Health and Wellness

On Retiree Appreciation Day, Sept. 26, the Health and Wellness Center will be conducting Health Risk Appraisals. To book a 15 minute appointment, please call 643-4648 or drop by the HAWC Monday - Thursday, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Fridays 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

HRA questionnaires and results will be mailed. If you have questions call Staff Sgt. Audie Roderick at 643-2260.



Now showing at the Base Theater

Doctor Dolittle - Friday

Eddie Murphy, Ossie Davis - Dr. John Dolittle has everything a man could want. He has a thriving career, a beautiful wife and two unique and adorable daughters. He is about to sign the biggest financial deal of his life when he suddenly discovers that he can communicate with animals. PG-13 (crude humor and language).

Lethal Weapon 4 - Saturday

Mel Gibson, Danny Glover - Detectives Martin Riggs, Roger Murtaugh and Lorna Cole are back, reunited with the hyperactive Leo Getz and joined by junior detective Lee Butters. They unravel a series of events in L.A. involving a crime overlord bent on a

complex and deadly mission of revenge. R (violence and language). 120 minutes.

Small Soldiers - Sunday

David Cross, Kevin Dunn - Blending live action with state of the art computer animation, a battle between a small but intrepid band of monstrous looking creatures and a platoon of war loving commandos. But this is not some alien planet; this is suburbia U.S.A., and the soldiers are prototypes of the most advanced action figures ever imagined. PG-13 (some menacing action violence and brief drug references). 109 minutes.

All movies start at 7 p.m.

Youth Center

Today: Open recreation, 1-6 p.m. Open gym 1-3 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. Snack bar 1 - 6 p.m. Advanced Gymnastics 3 - 4 p.m.

Friday: Open recreation, 1 - 6 p.m.; open gym, 1 - 6 p.m.; snack bar, 1 - 6 p.m.; Teen night, 7 11 p.m., grades 7 - 12, free.

Saturday: Open recreation, noon - 5 p.m.; open gym, noon - 5 p.m.; snack bar, noon - 5 p.m.; Soccer opening day ceremonies, 9 a.m.

Sunday: Closed

Monday: Open recreation, 2 - 6 p.m.; open gym, 12- 6 p.m.; snack bar, 2 - 6 p.m.

Tuesday: Open recreation, 2 - 6 p.m.; open gym, 4:15 - 6 p.m, snack bar, 2 - 6 p.m. Beginning Gymnastics 2:15 - 3:15 p.m. and 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. Piano lessons 3 - 6 p.m. Tae Kwon Do, 6 - 7 p.m.

Wednesday: Open recreation, 1- 6 p.m.; open gym, 2 - 6 p.m.; snack bar, 2 - 6 p.m.; Couples Communication Class, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. To sign up, call Family Advocacy at 643-1518.

Recreation News

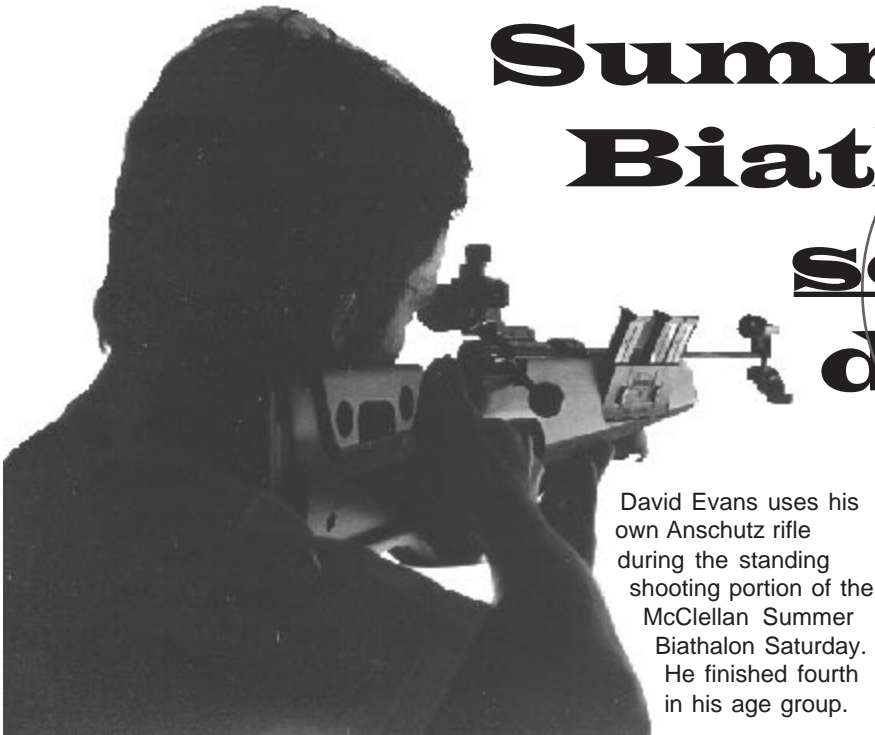
Attention Soccer Fans

Come out to McClellan Night Sept. 5 at ARCO Arena to watch the Sacramento Knights play Brazil in Professional Indoor Soccer. Game time is 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12, or \$14 for transportation and ticket; and may be purchased at the I.T.T. Office in Rafferty Hall.

Circus Comes to Town

The Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus is coming to town Sept. 9-13 and Rafferty Hall has your tickets to the big event. ITT at Rafferty Hall is selling tickets for the Sept. 12, 11 a.m. show at Arco Arena. Tickets are \$15.50. Children two years old and under are free but must sit on a parent's lap during the show. Call 643-2259.

If you would like to go on a day other than Sept. 12, call Ticketmaster at 649-8497 or visit the Arco Arena box office. Sept. 9 is Family Night and tickets are half price. Don't miss out.



David Evans uses his own Anschutz rifle during the standing shooting portion of the McClellan Summer Biathlon Saturday. He finished fourth in his age group.

McClellan's Summer Biathlon was a big hit on Saturday as forty military and civil service personnel, dependents, and off-base athletes took part in the event. The following are the winners in each division:

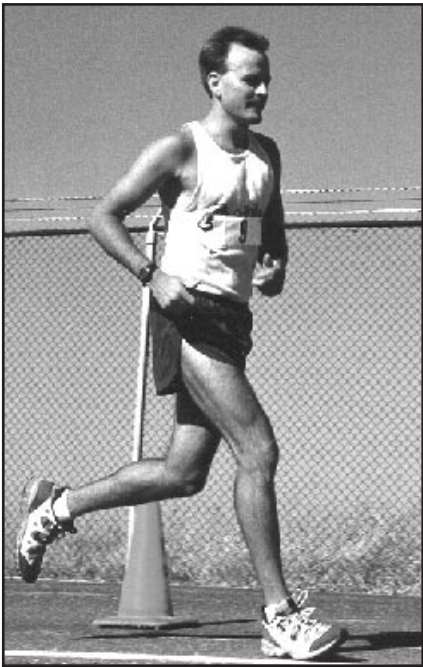
Female

Under 20: Chanel Patterson
20-29: Donna Blake
30-39: Suzette Shaffer
40-49: Theresa Stochel
50-59: Lucinda Fisher
60+: Mararethe Styskel

Male

Under 20: Nate Barrett
20-29: Andrew Blakely
30-39: Kirk Winger
40-49: Dave Barrett
50-59: Ty Nelson
60+: Paul Mitchell

Below: Thomas Ulick takes it one step at a time on his way to a 2nd place finish in the men's 30-39 division.



Right: Chanel Patterson, winner of the women's 20 and under category, hoofs it out during Saturday's McClellan Summer Biathlon.

Below: Suzette Shaffer, winner of the women's age 30-39 category, fires from the prone position. She scored 5 hits that round.



U.S. Air Force Photos by Maj. Robert J. Gonzales

Financial Services Office sets the pace for command

Staff Sgt. Alan S. Williams
364th Recruiting Squadron

In the past, because of its voluminous workload and customer service requirements, the Financial Services Office here was struggling to meet command and Air Force minimum standards.

Former base commander, Col. Christopher F. Russo implemented core-service-hours, facilitating a complete turnaround for the FSO. McClellan's Financial Services Office now sets the pace for all other bases within AFMC. In fact, it was named Financial Services Office of the Year, 1997.

"The behind-the-scenes tasks are the key to timely and accurate payments," said Connie Ward, financial services officer.

"What the customer doesn't see is that when the FSO is not open to customers, employees there are still serving them," she added.

Employees are working hard at tasks including: researching telephone queries, logging travel vouchers, preparing travel advance vouchers, coding pay documents, preparing Do-It-Yourself move vouchers, publishing and distributing TDY orders, preparing and posting separation and retirement payments, screening and logging terminal and permissive leave, and handling numerous tasks for customers that are sometimes out of the normal parameters of everyday service.

These tasks are time consuming and time sensitive, and their accurate completion is the key to our successful operation," stated Ward.

"The 'proof is in the pudding.' Our achievements are the results of hard work and dedica-

tion to serving the customer," she added

The FSO offers appointments to accommodate extraordinary situations as well as emergency service during off-duty hours, and has key personnel on call for situations like emergency TDYs.

Before the core service hours were instituted, the Accounting and Finance Office received numerous complaints of late travel payments, incorrect reimbursements of temporary living expenses, and errors in military pay.

"Previous financial services officers tried several different approaches to get the job done. They tried 12-hour work days, working week-ends, and closing the customer service counter on Fridays," said Ward.

"The core service hours - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.- solved the problem. They were instrumental in turning this office into the model FSO for AFMC."

"We have always known

that customer service is number one. Now there is time dedicated to the customers, and time dedicated to tasks that demand complete concentration. This has drastically reduced errors in computing payments and collections," added Ward.

Now that employees at the FSO don't have to work extended hours to just keep up, efficiency levels have soared through the roof," said Ward. "We are better able to accomplish essential training so we can focus on our main priority - the customer."

The FSO has improved its travel voucher turnaround rate from five days to one day, and has significantly reduced the American Express delinquency rate from 4.6 percent to the current 1.28 percent.

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Eagles Take Flight



Courtesy Photo

Boy Scout Troop 22, sponsored by the Air Force Sergeant's Association, recently welcomed its newest Eagle Scouts, Brian Brown (middle left) and Alan Smith (middle right). Standing next to them are Master Sgt. Dwana Smith (recently promoted to Senior Master Sgt.) and AFSA President, Master Sgt. Larry Williams.

ThreatCons: What you need to know

Jesse Valdiviez
Chief, Resource Protection
77th Security Forces Squadron

THREATCON/
ALPHA
GENERAL WARNING
INCREASE
VIGILANCE

Real World

As we all know from the unfortunate experience at the Oklahoma City Federal building, domestic terrorism is just as likely and fatal as international terrorist incidents such as the recent attacks on U.S. Embassies in Nairobi, Kenya and Dar es Salam, Tanzania. Therefore, it is important that we all become familiar with THREATCON actions and be prepared to implement these actions as required.

First, what is a THREATCON? A THREATCON or Threat Condition is a Joint Chiefs of Staff-approved program standardizing the identification of, and recommended responses to, terrorist threats against U.S. personnel and facilities. Threat conditions vary depending on the level or intensity of a perceived or actual threat. Each THREATCON requires increased levels of awareness and security for personnel and facilities.

With that basic understanding, we can discuss our current status: "THREATCON Alpha." THREATCON Alpha is the lowest level threat condition and is implemented when a general threat of possible terrorist activity against personnel and facilities exists, the nature and extent of which are unpredictable. The installation commander through the command post will notify organizations of the change in THREATCON via the McClellan Telephone Alert Notification System, commonly referred to as McTANS.

Upon notification of THREATCON Alpha, all organizations are required to implement the following mandatory actions:

- Responsible agencies will secure aircraft hatches.
- Organizations will lock and regularly inspect buildings, rooms and storage areas.
- Place key personnel in standby status.
- Implement pyramid notification to lowest level.
- Increase security awareness in work areas and challenge strangers.
- Review all plans, orders, personnel details and logistic requirements related to the introduction of the next higher THREATCON.

Again, it's important that we become familiar with THREATCON's and it's associated actions. When in doubt contact your supervisor or your unit's security manager. Security is everyone's responsibility. Help us to keep McClellan safe and secure.

For further information regarding THREATCONS or anti-terrorism information, please refer to the 77th Security Forces Web Site at www.mcclellan.af.mil/SPS/.



U.S. Air Force Photo by Staff Sgt. Alan Williams
T.C. Duffin, firefighter and mock victim, waits in the bottom of a shaft Aug. 20. His fellow firefighters will soon arrive to harness and hoist him up and out to safety.

Confined Space Rescue Training



U.S. Air Force Photo by Staff Sgt. Alan Williams
T.C. Duffin, firefighter, checks the rigging and pulley system on a tripod set up to extricate a "victim" from the bottom of a vertical shaft. Aug. 18 - 21, 40 base firefighters spent 40 hours each learning skills and the correct use of equipment to save people from tight places without injuring themselves or the victims.



U.S. Air Force Photo by Laura J. Williams
Ken Harrington plays victim and is hoisted up as dead weight out of a vertical shaft. Scott Barkley keeps a close eye on the rigging, ensuring his safety. According to Kent Freeman of the Industrial Emergency Council, McClellan has the best equipment available for confined space rescue.

Tickets now on sale for Sept. 26 Military Gala

Tickets for the Capital City Military Gala are now on sale at your units. The event will be held at the Sacramento Convention Center, 1400 J Street, Sept. 26 starting at 6 p.m. Attire is mess

dress or semi-formal for military personnel and black tie or dark suit for civilian personnel.

performance by the Air Force's Sabre Drill Team.

After dinner, the musical group **Galaxy** will provide the entertainment. Kelly Brothers and Deidre Fitzpatrick of KCRA Channel 3 will emcee the gala.

Come enjoy the excellent food, fine wine, dancing and celebrate the military tradition of the Sacramento Community.

Guests will be treated to a spectacular opening ceremony which includes the presentation of the 50 State Flags and the arrival of distinguished guests in the Grand March.

Music will be provided by the Air Mobility Command Band of the Golden West. There will also be a

Organization Ticket Sellers

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364th RS	Tech Sgt. Corina Stout	3-2273 x232
77th MDOS/SGO	Lt. Shelli Cannon	3-8514
77th ABW	1st Lt. Lorena Bailey	3-0077
938th EIS	Capt. Kay Spanuth	3-4012
BC	Allen Taylor	3-2819
CGOC	2nd Lt. Karen Smola	3-5315
CL	Lt. Col. Gonzalo Vergara	3-1001
652nd CLSS	Tech. Sgt. Nathan Highsmith	3-2947
DACOWITS	Dr. Scheffelin	485-8196
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FM	2nd Lt. Andy Meek	3-1280
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JA	Lt. Col. Overland	3-3150
LA	Lt. Col. Todd	3-5441
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